

WEATHER FORECAST:  
Fair: Not So Cold  
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## BITTER DEBATE ON PLEA TO END LEAK INQUIRY

Solid Party Alignment in House  
as Fight Over Wood Reso-  
lution Opens.

LAWSON TARGET FOR ALL

Angry Criticism Also Made of  
Both Friend and Foe of In-  
vestigation Plan.

A debate as acrimonious as any heard in the House in recent years was launched today when the majority members of the Committee on Rules moved that there be no further investigation of the alleged "leak" on the President's peace note and the Wood resolution of inquiry be tabled. The party alignment was practically solid and across-the-aisle criticism was unspared. Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston financier whose charges did much to precipitate the preliminary inquiry, was the common target of the aroused House members.

Harrison Is Violent.

"This irresponsible, frenzied four-flusher, Thomas W. Lawson," was one of the terms used by Congressman Harrison of Mississippi, a Democratic member of the Rules Committee, in assailing the Lawson charges.

Mr. Harrison asserted that the Republicans had "initiated, nurtured and sustained the charges of a 'leak' in a spirit of little partisanship."

In a reply just as heated, Congressman Lenroot, minority member of the Rules Committee, charged that the Democrats are attempting to stifle an investigation of this leak, which everyone must admit did exist."

Agrees to Debate.

The House agreed to a debate of two hours and twenty minutes on the motion to table the resolution of inquiry. From the outset it was apparent that the discussion would be as bitter as the debate on the free coinage of silver several years ago, or the more recent McAdams resolution. "Do not be deceived," said Congressman Lenroot. "When you vote to table this Wood resolution, that action carries with it the contempt charges against Thomas W. Lawson, who refused to answer questions asked by the Rules Committee. The only chance for Mr. Lawson for contempt lies in the Rules Committee retaining jurisdiction of this resolution. By adopting this resolution of the majority, you say to Lawson, 'Go back to Boston; we wash our hands of the whole affair.'"

Sees Something to Investigate.

"Mr. Lawson told our committee that a member of Congress had mentioned to him the name of a Cabinet officer and a banker involved in this leak. Will the majority say that this evidence is not material? Will it not be investigated? Suppose the charge is true?"

"I will confess that up to yesterday I saw little need of pressing the investigation, but at last I reluctantly agree to investigate."

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## SEEK SOLDIER'S BODY

U. S. Endeavors to Recover Body of  
Corporal Stewart.

While Mexican undertakers or authorities dicker about payment, the corpse of Corporal John R. Stewart, Company C, Ninth Infantry, is held just across the border from Laredo, Tex., today. The War Department is making an effort to get the body returned.

A War Department message today said Stewart was found with his throat cut near Laredo. The American commanding general there believed the case to be suicide, and this view was taken by the fact that \$10 was still on his person.

The Mexicans held the body. They want money immediately for return of it. Official rules prevented the general from entering into any negotiations, but he will probably be instructed to get the body and arrange for the charges of the Mexicans.

## KNOCKOUT DROPS TO HOGS

Thieves Refuse to Take Chances on  
Porkers' Squeals.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 12.—Edward Boelchner, a farmer living near West Union, Iowa, has been puzzled for several months because of the mysterious thefts of fat hogs from his pens at night.

Three times the pens have been raided, with never so much as a squeal. But now Boelchner knows. Eight hogs vanished overnight while a hired man slept in a nearby barn. But the thieves left two chloroform bottles behind them.

They had given the hogs the anesthetic and carried the limp bodies to a wagon.

## EAGER FOR WAR LOAN

Waiting Crowds Force Bank of  
England to Open Early.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The Bank of England, hallowed by decades of precedent, smashed all tradition today by opening its doors before 9 o'clock, in response to demands of eager throngs outside.

The crowds were the respondents to the government's appeal for subscriptions to the "win the war" loan. Hundreds of thousands of copies of the prospectus on the loan were issued and the crowds were thick all morning.

## KENYON SAYS 'PORK' KEEPS WAGES LOW

Answers Appeals Which Come  
To Him From Poorly Paid  
U. S. Employees.

Too deep devotion to "pork" in Congress is standing in the way of fair compensation for poorly paid employees of the Government, in the opinion of Senator Kenyon.

Hundreds of letters and petitions have reached his office from Federal employees, and particularly employees of the Government in Iowa, such as postal clerks, rural mail carriers, arsenal employees, and others. These have asked for higher pay.

Senator Kenyon has been led to send out a letter in reply to these inquiries. He takes the position that because of lavish expenditures for "pork" in river and harbor bills and otherwise under the present regime there is little left to help out the clerks and other employees in respect to salaries.

## THAW'S CONDITION IS STILL IN DOUBT

Mother and Friends Had Ar-  
ranged for His Surrender,  
His Guardians State.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12.—Harry Kendall Thaw's life hangs today upon a thread of doubt.

Physicians at St. Mary's Hospital in a statement today declared that Thaw has a chance for recovery if he did not swallow any of the deadly poison tablets which were missing from a bottle found in his room.

The fact that the man whose career of notoriety held the attention of two continents might have poisoned himself before he slashed his throat and wrists with a razor yesterday is a cause for great concern, physicians admitted today.

Mother Gave Him Up.

Thaw attempted to take his life, it is declared, because his mother and friends of the family planned to give him up to the New York authorities, and had arranged to send him back to face his accusers.

Dr. John T. Ashbaugh, resident at St. Mary's, today said:

"We are on a fence. Thaw's condition is still in doubt, mainly because we cannot determine whether he took any of the poison, which would certainly kill him. It will probably be several days before his stomach can be analyzed."

In the meantime every preventive to counteract the action of the poison, if Thaw did do what physicians claim, is being used. Thaw had revived somewhat this morning from the stupor in which he lingered throughout yesterday. He could not talk, but efforts will be made by the police to get a statement from him some time today.

Wounds Not Fatal.

The wounds that Thaw slashed in his throat and wrists were not deep enough to bring about death, except by slow bleeding. He missed the jugular vein by a bare eighth of an inch, and the main arteries of his wrists by the same fraction. He had lost considerable blood, however, before Mrs. Elizabeth Tact, in whose home he was, attempted to end his life, found him.

While physicians were battling to save his life friends outside St. Mary's (Continued on Fourth Page.)

## CHALONER ON THAW

Sanest Thing He Could Do, Says  
"Second Napoleon."

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Jan. 12.—John Armstrong Chaloner, at his home, Merritt Mills, last night made the following comment on the latest Thaw sensation:

"It would seem provided that the recent criminal charges against Thaw are true, cutting his throat is the best thing and about the sanest thing he could have done in the premises."

"I have always, by tongue and pen, indorsed Thaw's sanity, but always repudiated his morality. The present event supports my aforesaid line of action. Thaw, knowing that he had been caught with the goods on him and was in for a thirty-year term, not at Matteawan, as some fond fools might think, but at good old Sing Sing, which would more than wind up his mortal career, had the grace to put himself out rather than pose as a second Lachrymose 'Ballad of Reading Jail.'"

## U-BOAT ON WAY HERE

Report Deutschland Left Home  
Port January 2.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Jan. 12.—The German merchant submarine Deutschland left its home port January 2 on another trip to the United States, according to well-informed Germans here today.

Members of the crew of the German steamship Wilhelm had professed to have positive information of the sailing of the Deutschland. On her last trip here the Deutschland is said to have brought between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000 worth of German government war bonds, before sale, were sent to Washington for the signature of Ambassador Bernstorff.

## FOR VOTE IN D. C.

At the instance of the Washington  
Board of Trade, Senator Chamberlain,  
of Oregon, today, presented a joint  
resolution for an amendment to the  
Constitution conferring suffrage on  
the people of the District and giving  
them the right to have one or two  
Senators in the senate. Representa-  
tives in the House, according to popu-  
lation, and a vote for Presidential  
electors.

## URGE TEACHERS' BILL AT HEARING

Representatives of District  
Bodies Present at Meeting  
on Pomerene Measure.

OBJECTIONS ARE NEGLIGIBLE

Retirement of Superannuated  
Instructors Would Increase  
Efficiency of System.

Representatives of the civic, commercial, and educational bodies of the District appeared before the Hollis subcommittee on District Committee of the Senate today and strongly urged the passage of the Pomerene bill for the pensioning and retirement of public school teachers.

The Senators were urged to do all in their power to promote immediate passage of the legislation in the present session in order that several teachers, now at or over the retirement age, may obtain the benefit of the plan at the close of the present school year.

Although members of the Hollis subcommittee refused to comment upon the matter or to predict the subcommittee's action it was plainly evident that they were favorable to the proposed legislation.

Several speakers addressed the committee in favor of the measure, while none voiced any disapproval of the bill as a whole. They were introduced by William T. Gallinger, chairman of the teachers' retirement committee of the Board of Education.

Many Demands Made.

The heavy demands upon school teachers were outlined briefly by Ernest L. Thurston, superintendent of schools.

"In addition to their ability to instruct the young," said Mr. Thurston, "teachers must possess certain personality qualities not demanded in many other lines of activity. The demands upon them for efficiency are decidedly heavy, yet despite this fact the pay is very low all over the entire country."

"When the day's work of the teacher is ended she has neither time nor energy to avail herself of the opportunity to supplement her income with additional labor outside."

Some Have Dependents.

"A public school teacher of the District receives an average salary of \$600. Many of these women have families depending on them. In addition to their anxiety over present financial problems, they are forced to carry the stress of uncertainty of the financial future. This is in part a bar to efficiency."

"Adoption of this retirement plan would tend to bring about mental tranquility, even though the annual proposals are small. All over the country retirement laws are being provided for teachers."

Senator Kenyon inquired how many teachers there are in the District.

"There are about 1,800," replied Mr. Thurston.

"What is the average length of service?" Senator Kenyon asked.

Mr. Thurston replied that the average length was about fifteen years, although many of them serve much longer.

"Thirty-three States," said Mr. Thurston, "now provide for the retirement and pensioning of school teachers. The District should not be lagging behind."

A discussion of the plan of retirement was made by Herbert D. Browne, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who stated that the measure provides for a contributory (Continued on Second Page.)

## CAR SHORTAGE PUZZLES

Middle West Shippers Flood Commerce  
Commission With Complaints

Utter failure of all measures to alleviate the freight car shortage in the Middle West, was indicated today in a renewal of complaints to the Interstate Commerce Commission from shippers in that territory.

Fear was openly expressed by transportation experts here today that an intensified shortage may seriously affect the mid-winter coal market.

A shortage of 4,200 coal cars on their serving carriers, is alleged by the Wabash Coal Company of Saline, Illinois—one of the complainants.

Shortage of cars to move the winter grain crop in the Dakota has also been brought to the attention of the commission.

"Our elevators and warehouses are filled to the roof," the Farmers' Elevators Company, of Canton, S. Dak., complained.

## EGGS 80 CENTS A DOZEN

Record High Price Reached by  
Several Retail Dealers.

The highest price asked for eggs in the District in recent years—80 cents a dozen for strictly fresh country eggs—was quoted by several retail dealers this morning.

For several days the best eggs have been selling for from 65 to 75 cents a dozen, but it was believed that the price would go no higher. The sudden cold spell that has enveloped Washington and the vicinity sent the price of eggs soaring again.

## CLOSES GUN CONTRACT.

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 12.—An order for machine guns totaling \$2,000,000 has just been closed with the Italian government by the Colt Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company. The Colt company already had contracts with Italy and the closing of another contract at this time by one of the entente governments is regarded as significant.

## WILSON WON'T BE AT ST. JOHN'S

President Will Not Speak as  
Announced at Centennial  
Celebration.

CHURCH OFFICIALS SILENT

Congregation Much Stirred Up  
Over Reason of Change  
in Plans.

St. John's Church—the church of the Presidents—has lost the headliner for its centennial celebration the main session of which is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon. The President will not make an address.

For several weeks invitations to the centennial celebration have been out. They are most imposing invitations, engraved on heavy eight by ten cards, bearing in the one corner the date 1817 in silver, in the other 1917 in gold. Only members of Washington's most exclusive circles have received them.

But the church might see the card—and the accompanying program—framed in the vestibule of the famous old church. The program is interesting. It sets forth that the celebration is to extend over January 13 and January 14, and its main event is to be a service, or meeting, held in the church on Saturday afternoon, January 13 with addresses by the President, the Bishop of Washington, Hon. A. Henry Cabot Lodge, the Rev. William Radcliffe, D. D., and Admiral Charles H. Stockton, U. S. N., retired.

Wilson Won't Even Attend.

It now develops that the President is not to speak. He is not even going to be present. The rumor current—and it is creating considerable disturbance under the serene surface of the dignified congregation at the historic old church—is that the President, after accepting, withdrew his acceptance on learning that Senator Lodge was to speak. He objected, so the rumor makers say, to speaking from the same platform with the Senator from Massachusetts, who had during the campaign and in a recent speech in the Senate used some harsh language in attacking the President's supposed attitude toward Germany.

While several prominent members of St. John's, including members of the vestry, admitted having heard of the President's withdrawal of his acceptance, they are silent, and will not "officially" explain the matter up to Dr. Ralph Jenkins, of 1732 Massachusetts avenue, who had charge of the whole thing. Dr. Jenkins refused (Continued on Page Fifteen.)

## HID FACE FROM MAN

Girl Crossed in Love Kept Vow for  
Forty-five Years.

WEST MENTON, Ohio, Jan. 12.—True to her vow, made at the age of twenty, that she should not let mortal man look upon her face for the rest of her natural life, Miss Harriet Martindale has just passed the forty-fifth year of her seclusion.

Miss Martindale, when twenty years old, was engaged to be married to a young man with whom she was very much in love. One night while walking along a country road near her home she saw her sister with her fiancé. Three weeks later the man she was to have married became the husband of her sister.

Heartbroken over the sudden realization of his perfidy, she solemnly vowed no man should see her face again, and through the use of a heavy veil and a life of seclusion she has kept the word.

She has requested that in the event of her death no man be allowed to see her. A woman friend has been requested to prepare her body for burial.

Both the sister and her husband now are dead.

## SKATING TOMORROW, MAYBE

Low Temperature Will Perhaps  
Make Basin Safe.

The temperature went down to 14 degrees this morning, within one point of the coldest weather this winter.

There were no skaters on the tidal basin. Boat house attendants said the ice was not strong enough.

"By tomorrow it will be strong enough to hold a horse, though," was the reassuring words of one attendant. "If the cold snap lasts."

At 7 o'clock this morning the mercury was at 14, but it rose a point by 8 o'clock. An hour later it was 18, and still climbing. The coldest weather predicted for tonight is 20.

Tomorrow the sky will be overcast and the weather slightly warmer. Snow will probably fall.

On December 16 last the mercury got down to 13 degrees, the coldest of the winter.

## HIS CONSCIENCE SPOKE

Parole Violator Returns to Reform-  
atory Without Guard.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 12.—A guilty conscience and a new determination to go straight drove a parole violator back to the State reformatory at St. Cloud.

Arrested at Glendive, Mont., for breaking parole from the Minnesota institution, the man not only agreed to waive extradition but to return alone and without guard to the reformatory.

Parole agents took him at his word and forwarded transportation from St. Cloud to him at Glendive.

## NEXT PEACE MOVE UP TO GERMANY; OFFICIALS STILL SEE HOPE IN ALLIES' NOTE

## MAKES ATTACK ON LEWIS BILL

J. L. Swayze, Counsel, Appears  
for C. & P. and Fifty East-  
ern Companies.

FAVORS PROPER REGULATION

Says Bell System Has Agree-  
ment With the Attorney  
General.

J. L. Swayze, general counsel for telephone companies in the Eastern States, including the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, appeared before the House District Committee today to oppose the Lewis bill providing for Government ownership of telephone lines in the District.

Attorney Swayze did not finish his legal argument as the committee adjourned at 11 o'clock because of the early convening of the House. He will resume Monday morning.

Attacks Lewis Bill.

The telephone company's representative pointed out to the committee the difference between regulation and exercise of the right of eminent domain, and said the Lewis bill provided for both. He said the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company is a New York corporation, and the Lewis bill provided for regulation of it in the District of Columbia, and the taking over of its property in the District, as well as a zone of fifty-mile radius beyond the District.

Says No Benefit Will Accrue.

"This bill will not benefit the inhabitants of the towns and villages around Washington," said Attorney Swayze. "It is framed to apply to a special class of people, under special conditions at special times."

He then told of the growth of the telephone system of the country under regulation of commissions in all States in the Union, and said the Bell Telephone Company was co-operating in these commissions in every way to enhance the service and make suitable rates.

Cites Co-operation.

"We are co-operating with commissions in Maryland, Virginia and other States near the District of Columbia," said Attorney Swayze. "The experiment which this bill proposes to make would infringe on the powers of the commissions in the States. These commissions are apparently satisfied now that we are meeting the necessities of all situations in the States."

The telephone company's representative then informed the committee that the Bell Telephone Company had a gentleman's agreement with the Attorney General's office for conduct of its business in the various States.

Started Several Years Ago.

"We began talking the agreement over with Attorney General Wickersham and put it into operation under Mr. McReynolds' regime and are continuing it under Mr. Gregory's administration," said the attorney.

The commitment or agreement is that we will not purchase independent or competing companies without first (Continued on Page Fifteen.)

## STRIKE KILLS TAXI CO.

Biggest New York Concern Quits  
Business Permanently.

New York, Jan. 12.—The Mason-Seaman Transportation Company has permanently shut down business. This was one of the developments in the strike of taxicab drivers.

When a delegation of chauffeurs went to parley with Allan Luxow, one of the receivers of the Mason-Seaman company, Mr. Luxow told them that the receivers must wind up the business in case of a strike. This is the largest concern of its kind in New York. It is capitalized at \$10,000,000 and has 1,000 taxicabs.

The "hauling" taxi has come into its own. This cruising type of cab, with no particular stand, usually driven by its owner and shunned by the elite trade, is New York's sole dependence, aside from the horse-drawn vehicle. And the independents are doing a thriving business such as they have seldom known.

## AMBULANCE IS WRECKED

Emergency Hospital Automobile in  
Collision With Electric.

The Emergency Hospital ambulance was wrecked last night after being in collision with another automobile at Fourteenth street and New York avenue.

Edward Bean, of Falkstone Courts, was driving his electric limousine north on Fourteenth street, and had just crossed the tracks when the ambulance, coming west in New York avenue, struck it a glancing blow.

The ambulance then described an arc and crashed into the curb about sixty feet in the rear of the electric, breaking the front axle and wheels.

The electric was undamaged except for a shattered headlight.

There was no patient in the ambulance at the time, and no one was injured. The ambulance was being operated by Chauffeur Herbert Green, accompanied by Dr. Powell.

## WAR STOCKS JUMP AFTER ALLIED NOET

Steel, Munitions and Other  
Industrials Soar in Active  
Trading.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The entente reply to President Wilson's note to belligerents was the basis of a general advance in munition stocks on the stock exchange today. First trading on the exchange showed gains of 1 to 2 points in the "war bride" group, while coppers and many other stocks were higher.

Crucible was up 1½, at 63½; Republic jumped 2½, to 79½; Reading advanced a point; Central Leather, 2½ to 112½; and General Motors new stock gained 1½, to 109½.

Twelve thousand shares of United States Steel common were sold at 112½ to 113, gaining 1½ to 1½ over night.

Steel later advanced to 113½, on a heavy overture in which shorts were driven to cover. Industrial Alcohol sold 12½, up 3, losing part of its gain later.

Canadian Car and Foundry was hammered down to 25 on the curb during the first hour, against 48 on the last sale before the Kingsland explosion. It later recovered to 35.

On the big exchange many of the advances were wiped out during the last half of the opening hour. Sales for the first hour were 311,000 shares.

## "SUFF" SENTINELS CARRY HOT BRICKS

Resent Imputation They Refu-  
ged Wilson's Offer of  
Hospitality.

The twelve "mildly militant" sentinels carried hot bricks with them when they marched to the White House gates to resume their peaceful picketing today.

Their last act before leaving the Congressional Union headquarters was to destroy the hot chocolate.

Then they were ready to defy a drop of 13 degrees in the temperature. They carried hot bricks with them, and a fresh supply of hot bricks arrived to warm their feet.

Led by Miss Mabel Vernon, the twelve pickets marched to their stations at the White House gates at 10 o'clock. The first detachment, which will be relieved from time to time during the day, was composed of Miss Pauline Floyd, from Eldorado, Ark.; Miss Alice Anderson, Connecticut; Mrs. Rosalie Lee, New Orleans; Miss Mary Sendall, Baltimore; Miss Katharine Fisher, New York; Miss Lillian Crane, Jersey City; Miss Maud Jamison, Norfolk; Mrs. Florence Brewer Boeckel, Pittsburgh; Miss Elizabeth Geary, Chicago; Mrs. B. H. Papandreou, San Francisco; Miss Mildred Gilbert, San Francisco; and Miss Gertrude Crocker, Chicago.

Cast Longing Glances.

Occasionally one of the younger pickets would cast a longing glance at the White House, where hot coffee and sandwiches had been held out as a lure, and where there was warmth and comfort. But not a picket weakened.

Returning from his golf game this morning the President for the first time exchanged salutes with the sentries. As the White House car plunged through the gates, the women stood at attention, and the President smilingly touched his hat in return.

"Of course," said one of the young ent, "we didn't actually refuse the invitation to visit the White House. We didn't ignore the invitation, as one of the horrid reporters said."

"We just didn't accept the invitation on the minute, but we may accept it later."

The remark was corroborated by one of the officials at Congressional Union headquarters.

"It was just as convenient for the girls to come to headquarters yesterday to get warm, the suffrage leader said. 'Therefore, we didn't accept the invitation yesterday. But we may permit the pickets to go to the White House today.'"

Police Are Careful.

"You see, it's like this," one of the cops on the beat said. "It would play right into the hands of the picketers if we should attempt to interfere with the girls out there. One arrest would raise a howl that would be heard from Keokuk to Kalamazoo. There wouldn't be twelve pickets out there then, but twelve Joans of Arc."

"But the President disarmed the pickets when he invited them into the White House. You can't insult your host, and the President has offered to play host to the force beleaguering the gates."

Plans for the suffrage parade which was to precede the inauguration parade have been abandoned. It was announced today.

Instead, the suffragists plan to recruit thousands of women from all parts of the country, and they will form a cordon around the White House as a silent protest.

## CHICAGO WHEAT UP 2 1/2 CENTS

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Wheat opened sharply higher today, the advance being based on the allied answer to President Wilson. May opened at \$1.90, up 2½ cents; July up 1½ and September up 1½.

President Not Expected to Act  
Unless He Knows Ber-  
lin's Terms.

## DISAPPOINTMENT ON REPLY

Administration Circles Had Hop-  
ed Britain Would Be Less  
Positive in Answer.

## NO BREAK NOW EXPECTED

Bernstorff's Embassy Says  
There Will Be No Renewal of  
"Frightfulness" War.

President Wilson's next move in the international peace game depends upon what confidential information, if any, he has from